

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

In Re: Newmans' Manufacturing, Inc.

Chapter 7
Bky Case No. 07-30032 (GFK)

Debtor.

APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT OF ATTORNEY

TO: THE COURT:

1. Applicant is the Trustee in this case.
2. Applicant believes that the employment of an attorney is necessary to represent or assist Trustee in carrying out the Trustee's duties as follows: Perform legal services related to legal representation in the following adversary cases: *Newman's Manufacturing, Inc. v. Runestone Manufacturing, Inc.*, Adv. No. 08-03214; *Newman's Manufacturing, Inc. v. General American Life Insurance Company*, Adv. No. 08-03205; *Newman's Manufacturing, Inc. v. GE Commercial Finance*, Adv. No. 08-03204; *Newman's Manufacturing, Inc. v. International Extrusions, Inc.*, Adv. No. 08-03207; *Newman's Manufacturing, Inc. v. Mills Mfg., Inc.*, Adv. No. 08-03210; *Newman's Manufacturing, Inc. v. MN-Alaska Transport*, Adv. No. 08-03212; *Newman's Manufacturing, Inc. v. PreferredOne Community Health Plan d/b/a Preferred One* Adv. No. 09-03006; and *Newman's Manufacturing, Inc. v. Secura Insurance Holding, Inc. d/b/a Secura Insurance*, Adv. No. 08-03215.
3. Best & Flanagan LLP, 225 South Sixth Street, Suite 4000, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402-4690, are qualified by reason of practice and experience to render such representation or assistance.
4. Proposed compensation and reimbursement of expenses will be normal current rates as follows: \$345.00 per hour for Patrick B. Hennessy; rates for partners, associates or paralegals working on the file range from \$400.00 to 120.00 per hour.
5. Said professional has disclosed to the undersigned that they have the following connections with the Debtor, creditors any other party-in-interest, their respective attorneys and accountants, the United States Trustee, or any person employed in the office of the United States Trustee: None, except Best & Flanagan LLP currently represents Associated Bank Red Wing and Associated Bank, Minnesota on matters unrelated to this bankruptcy. Best & Flanagan LLP currently represents U.S. Bank on matters unrelated to this bankruptcy. Best

& Flanagan LLP represents other panel trustees in other unrelated matters, and has represented this Trustee on unrelated matters.

6. The Trustee has made the following efforts to recover the assets prior to submitting this application: Trustee needs to do further investigation regarding each of the adversary cases referenced above, and because of the issues involved, believes it prudent to retain counsel to assist her.

WHEREFORE, applicant prays that the Court approve such employment by the Trustee.

Dated: April 30, 2009.

/e/ Patti J. Sullivan
Patti J. Sullivan, Trustee

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VERIFIED STATEMENT PURSUANT TO FEDERAL RULE 2014(a)

I, Patrick B. Hennessy, the professional named in the application for employment on behalf of the above-named bankruptcy estate, declare under penalty of perjury the following:

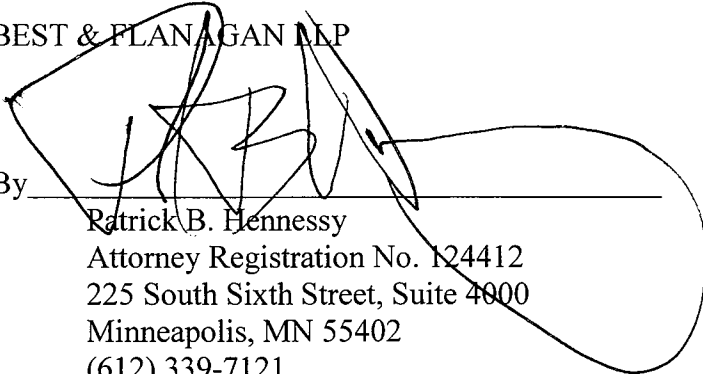
1. I do not hold or represent any interest adverse to the estate and am disinterested as required by 11 U.S.C. 327.
2. I have not agreed to share any compensation received in this matter with any person other than partners of my firm, Best & Flanagan LLP.
3. I do not have any connection to the debtor, creditors, any other party in interest, their respective attorneys and accountants, the United States Trustee, or any person employed in the office of the United States Trustee, except for as follows: Best & Flanagan LLP currently represents Associated Bank Red Wing and Associated Bank, Minnesota on matters unrelated to this bankruptcy. Best & Flanagan LLP currently represents U.S. Bank on matters unrelated to this bankruptcy. Best & Flanagan LLP represents other panel trustees in other unrelated matters.

Under penalties of perjury the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Date: April 30, 2009

BEST & FLANAGAN LLP

By


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Patricia A. McCollough, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the attached **Application for Approval of Employment of Attorney, Verified Statement and Proposed Order** was served electronically or via U.S. First Class Mail, postage prepaid, to the following on the 30th day of April, 2009:

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R.L. Ryerson Co., Inc.
c/o Michael D. Jankowski
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Executed on this 30th day of April 2009.

/e/ Patricia A. McCollough
Patricia A. McCollough
Legal Assistant

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ORDER

The Application dated April 30, 2009 to Employ Patrick B. Hennessy of Best & Flanagan, LLP, as attorney of the estate came before the undersigned. Based on the Application, the Recommendation of the United States Trustee and pursuant to the provisions of Title 11, United States Code, Section 327,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED the professional employment applied for is hereby approved subject to the limitations on compensation provided by Title 11, United States, Code, §328.

Dated: _____

Gregory F. Kishel
United States Bankruptcy Judge